

Application for the Open Curriculum Program

Instructions

- Please complete all sections of the attached application.
- All but first semester freshmen should provide a current transcript.
- Your advisor must sign the application.
- Three letters of recommendation are necessary, one from your advisor and two others from individuals (preferably Wake Forest faculty) who can assess your academic abilities and qualities. Note that a first semester freshman need only submit a letter of recommendation from his or her advisor.

Applications should be sent to the following address by October 1st or March 1st:

Dr. Eric Stottlemeyer,
Chair of the Open Curriculum and Interdisciplinary Major Committee
Office of the Dean of the College
Reynolda Hall, Room 104
stottlem@wfu.edu

Your Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Signature: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

Three Required Letters of Recommendation: (list names)

PART 1: Justification and Rationale

Describe and provide intellectual justification for your proposed plan of study under the Open Curriculum program. What particular qualities or experiences make you especially suited for Open Curriculum?

Part Two: Curriculum Plan

Students admitted to the Open Curriculum program must complete basic requirements, but enjoy some flexibility in satisfying divisional requirements. Using the list of divisional requirements on the following page, please indicate by course number and name those divisional requirements that you have already completed. Also indicate those courses that you would like to take in place of your remaining divisional requirements and those divisional requirements that you still plan to take. The Open Curriculum does not require a one-for-one substitution of courses for divisional requirements, but it is important that no major area of study be completely eliminated.

This curriculum plan is not binding. The Open Curriculum Committee may require changes in your plan upon which your admission to the program will depend. This plan will serve as the guideline from which your Open Curriculum advisor will work out a contract with you describing those particular courses that you must complete to satisfy the requirements for graduation. Any subsequent changes will require the approval of your Open Curriculum advisor.

I. History, Philosophy and Religion (select 2 courses, one per category)

- History
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

II. Literature (select 1 course)

- English
- Classics
- Humanities

III. The Fine Arts (select 1 course)

- Art
- Music
- Theater

IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences (select 2 courses, only one per category)

- Anthropology
- Communication
- Economics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

V. Natural Sciences and Mathematics (select 2 courses, only one per category)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Mathematics and Computer Science

Part Three: Additional Information

Please attach a current transcript for all course work at Wake Forest University.

SAT: Math _____

Verbal _____

Class Rank: _____

Advanced Placement courses:

Letter of Recommendation

Dear Recommender:

_____ has applied to the Open Curriculum Program and has given your name as a reference.

The Open Curriculum is a program designed to enable highly qualified students to develop their own programs of study with the guidance of faculty advisors. This program allows the substitution of more specialized or challenging courses for those specified by the lower division requirements. Generally, Open Curriculum students are very motivated students who wish to have added flexibility in planning their course work. Admission to the program is restricted to independent, mature students who have special talents, interests or goals, and whose records reflect evidence of academic achievement and responsibility.

Your name _____

Date _____

Position _____

Department _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this student? In what ways do you believe this student is suited for the Open Curriculum program?

Recommendation letters should be sent to the following address by October 1st or March 1st:

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